

# **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **Buffalo, New York**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**  
**Ash Wednesday- 7:00 P.M.**  
**Service of Holy Communion**

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God.*

*We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.*

*We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.*

*We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.*

*We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*For the love of one another, we kindly ask*

- 1. that you keep your mask on during the duration of this service.*
- 2. that our members and guests fill out the blue sheet and leave at your seat in the pew.*

*We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward.*

*We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!*

*Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.*

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,  
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

*Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways*

## **INVITATION TO LENT**

*Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.*

*We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.*

*As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. We invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.*

## PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Abide with Me"*

William Bolcom  
(b. 1938)

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* "Erhalt Uns, Herr"

ELW 517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE PSALM: Psalm 51:1–17**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your  
sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in  
your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**<sup>16</sup>For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.**

**You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**God of new beginnings, where we see the ashes of our failure, you see the stardust of a fresh start. Turn us toward each other and lead us into quiet spaces when the noise of the street corner drowns out your voice. Beyond life, beyond death, show us how to rest in you. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

The first reading for Ash Wednesday is recorded in Joel, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;

sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—

<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like shadows cast upon the mountains

a great and powerful army comes;

their like has never been from of old,

nor will be again after them

in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,

return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;

<sup>16</sup>gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;

assemble the aged;

gather the children,

even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,

and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar

let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,

and do not make your heritage a mockery,

a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?" "

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

# MOTET

*Wash me through and through* (1980)

Text: Psalms 130 and 51, Book of Common Prayer, 1976

Peter Hallock

(1924-2014)

## Part I

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;

in your great compassion, blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

O let your ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

Have mercy on me, O God, for I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Cleanse me from all my sin and wash me pure as the snow

and make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the body which you have broken may rejoice.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10**

The second reading for today is recorded in Corinthians, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Chapters.

<sup>20b</sup>We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

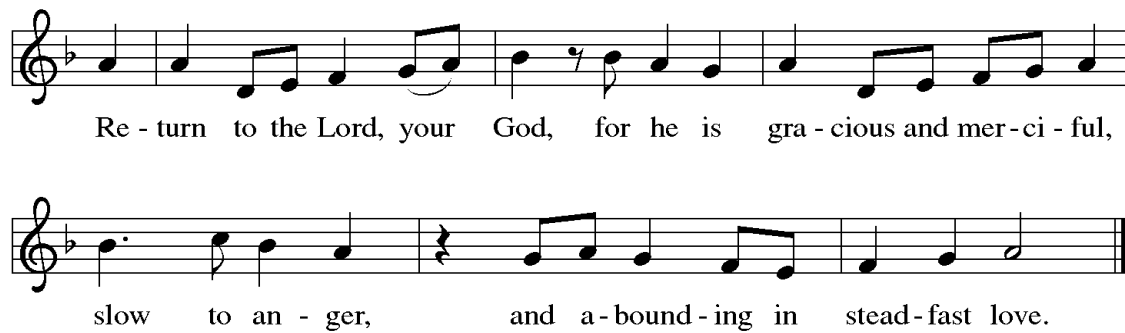
We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

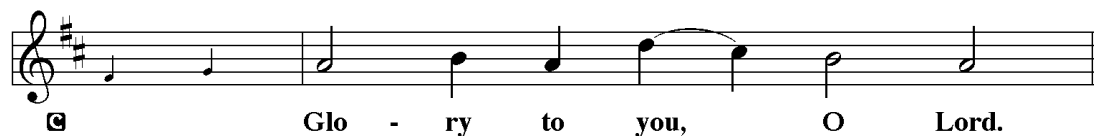
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others.

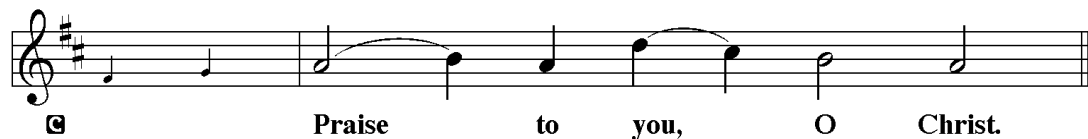
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup> Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

*Please stand as you are able.*

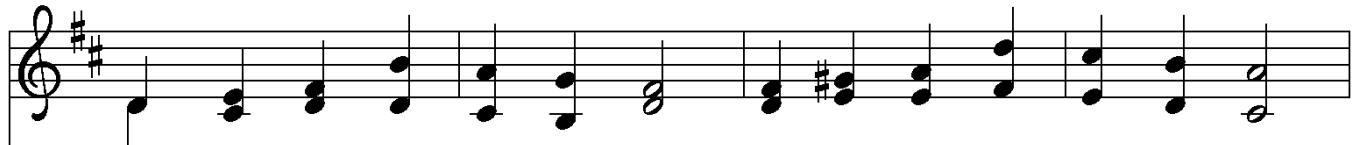


# HYMN OF THE DAY

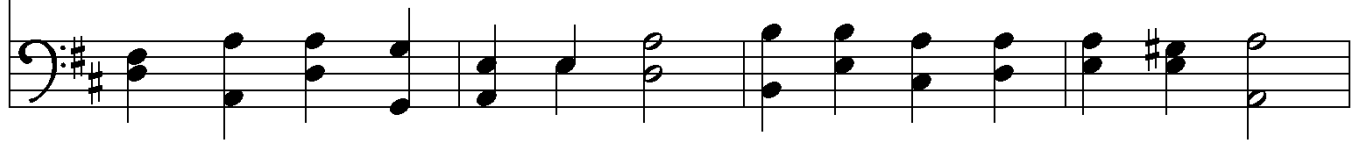
*Take My Life, That I May Be* "Patmos"

ELW 685

(vs. 3 women, vs. 4 men)



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Congregation is invited to kneel or sit)*

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.  
Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*With the ashes at your seat, people may mark their forehead with a cross of ashes, while the minister says:  
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

### **SOLO**

*If With all your Hearts* from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Ye people, rend your hearts, and not your garments for your transgressions:  
Even as Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God.  
I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God;  
For He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind,  
and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

*aria:*

'If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find Me.'  
Thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before his presence!

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**  
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Renew your church, O God. When we have drifted from our call to proclaim repentance and to guide your people toward justice, lead us back to you. Encourage believers who hold the church's doors open to those who have felt excluded. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Transform parched places into watered gardens and preserve every creature that awaits the arrival of spring. Turn each of us from practices of environmental exploitation to become responsible stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew our civic life, O God. Teach those in authority to advocate for the liberation of all who are oppressed and grant them courage to make difficult decisions. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew our lives, O God. Spare your people from diseases of the body, mind, or spirit and send healing to those overcome by illness or grief. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. During these forty days of Lent, confirm our sense of mission and expand our imagination for ministry. Deepen our faith, increase our love, and draw us into your unfolding work of healing and restoration. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

As we mark ashes on our foreheads, we give you praise, O God, for all the saints who died and yet are alive with you. Receive us with them into your eternal embrace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

*Offerings and tithes may be left in the offering plate  
located at the exit.*

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*Thou Knowest, Lord*

Text: Book of Common Prayer, Order for the Burial of the Dead

Henry Purcell

(1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;  
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.  
O holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,  
Suffer us not at our last hour,  
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

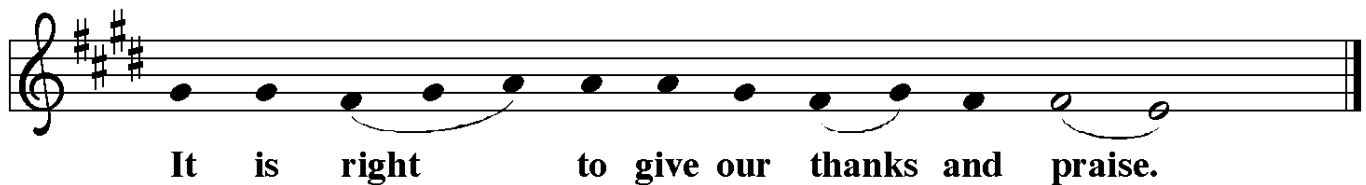
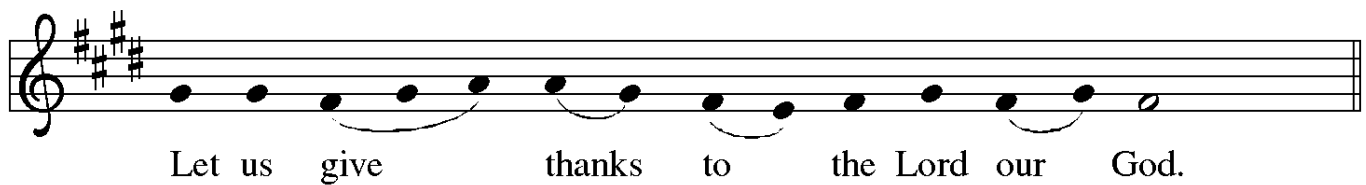
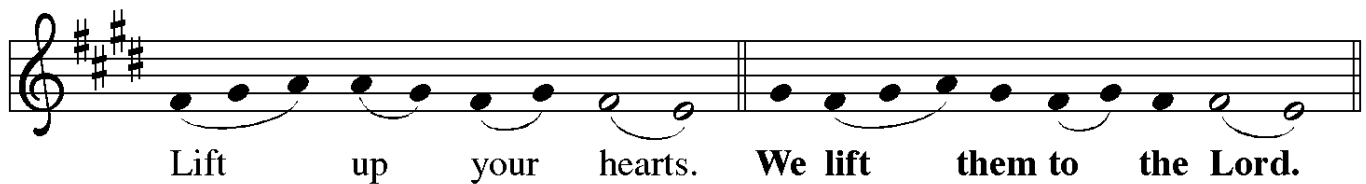
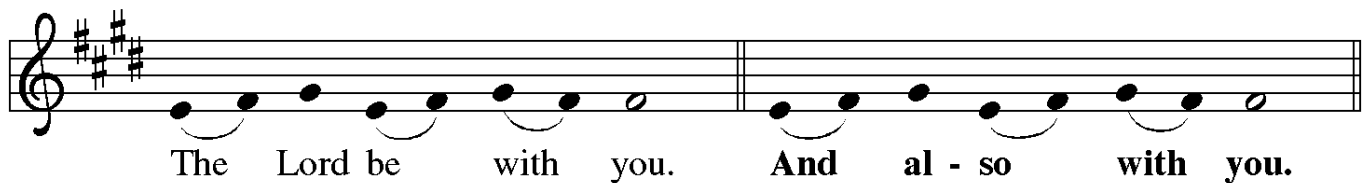
## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God, there's nowhere we can go where you aren't already waiting: in the vineyard, in the grainfield, in the places where we live and work, and most especially at this table, where your Son has promised to meet us; where he is both Host and Meal. Reveal yourself to us now.**

**Amen.**

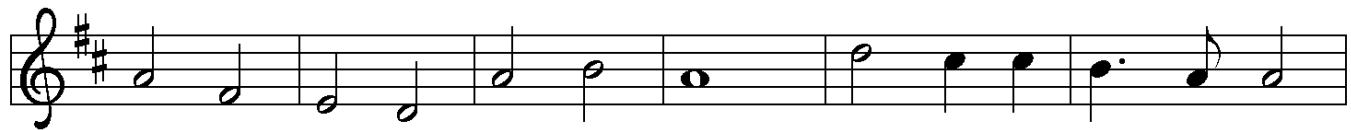
## THE DIALOGUE



## THE PREFACE

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



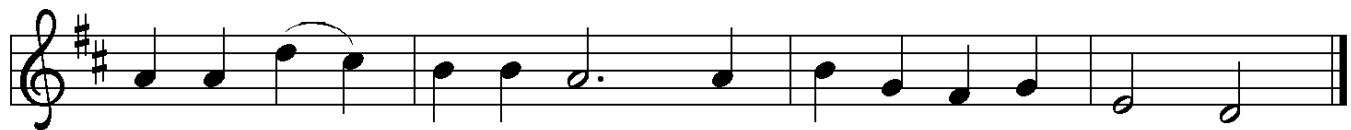
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God, you are here.

You have been with us in every age:  
blowing the trumpet on street corners,  
calling to us in quiet places,  
inviting us to name our need  
for clean hearts and new spirits.

But as many times as we turned toward your voice,  
we turned away again.

And so, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your own Son:  
a rabbi who healed in the streets  
and taught in the synagogues;  
a man who retreated to secret places to pray  
and to upper rooms with his friends.

On the night before he died,  
that same Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering this table, the cross, and the empty grave,  
we await his coming in glory and proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit upon these gifts.  
Holy Wisdom, pervade every corner of this place  
and every crevice of our hearts.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Bring us at last with all the saints  
into the brave space of your new creation,  
where we may meet your glory face to face.

To you, O God, Clay Shaper, Incarnate Child, Breath of Life,  
be all worship and praise, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please follow Pastor's instructions on the distribution of communion*

All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. At this time we will be serving communion in a contact-less manner. Please take your pre-package communion cup that you received at the entrance (gluten free are available, please see an usher at the entrance). The wafer can be found at the top of the cup (lift up the top, clear layer) and you will be invited to eat the wafer at the word, "The body of Christ given to you." You may then open the grape juice and drink at the word, "The blood of Christ given to you." Please leave the used and unused communion cups in the pews.

*Please stand as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.**

**Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

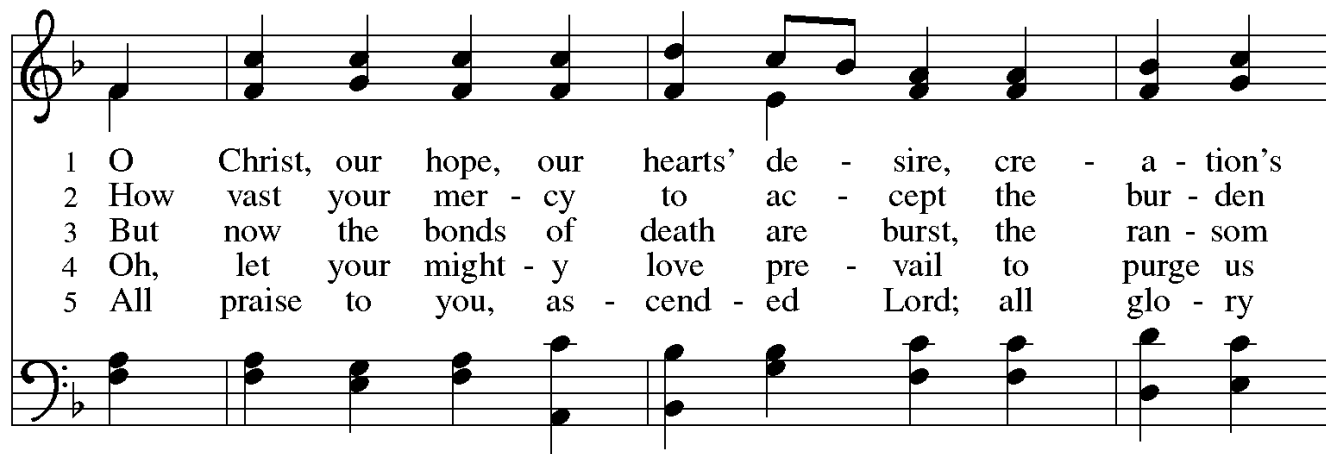
Go with the blessing of God. Remember that this blessing follows you, no matter the places to which you are called. Remember that this blessing waits for you, even where you least expect to find it. Be blessed in the name of God, who inspires, inhabits, and ignites us, today and every day.

**Amen.**

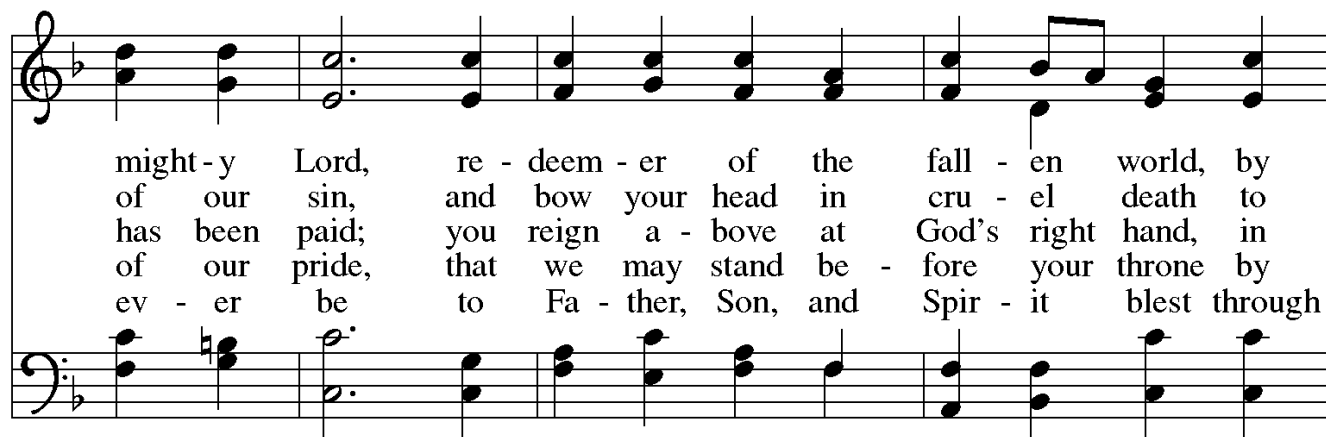
# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*O Christ, Our Hope* "Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen"

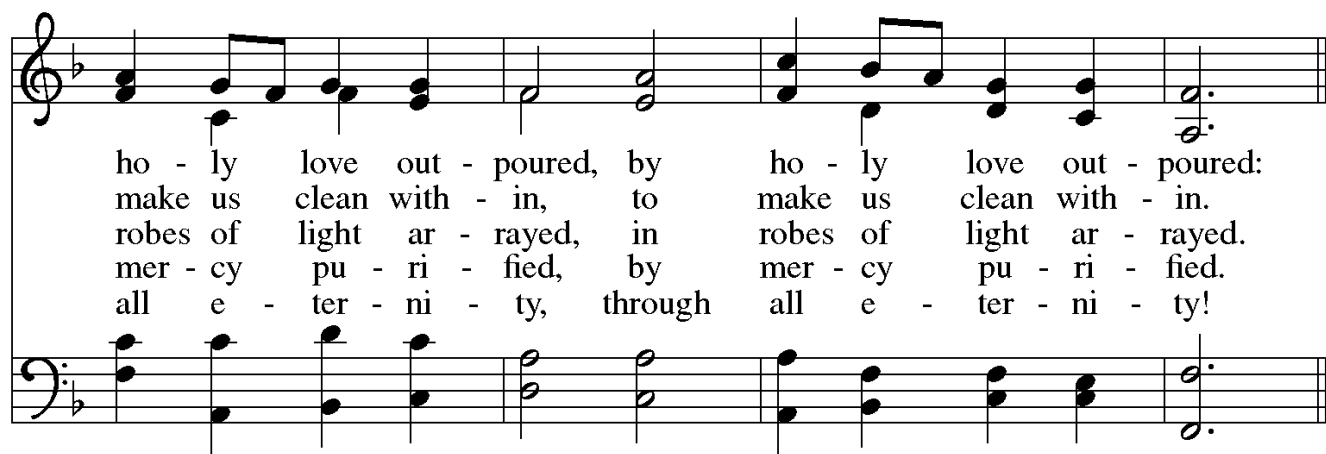
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1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

## **POSTLUDE**

*Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort* BuxWV 185

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

*Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude  
and the cross has returned to the chancel.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**



Many thanks to

Reader: Uli MacDonald

Ushers:

Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss,  
Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright



## **Lenten and Easter Worship**

### **Palm Sunday, April 10**

- 8:30 a.m.          Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir  
10:30 a.m.        Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14**

- 7:00 p.m.        Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Chancel Choir

### **Good Friday, April 15**

- 12:00 p.m.      The Bidding Prayer Confession and Absolution (Chapel)  
3:00 p.m.        Family Service  
7:00 p.m.        Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

### **Easter Sunday, April 17**

- 8:30 a.m.        Festival Service of Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.      Pre-service music  
10:30 a.m.      Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

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